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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert P. Bourdelais, et al

COMBINATION OF IMAGING
MEMBER AND FUNCTIONAL BASE
FOR NEW UTILITY

Serial No. 09/932,624

Filed 17 August 2001

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Catherine Simone

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Sir:

RESPONSE

In the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 restriction has been
required.

The applicant has been required to elect from 13 species, A-N set
forth by the Examiner.

The applicant elects species C, claim 15, with traverse.

The applicant respectfully urges that restriction is not proper in this
application. It is respectfully urged that the various species pointed out by the
Examiner do not require separate searches. Efficient and effective examination
may be carried out with examination of all species in one search. Therefore, it is
respectfully urged that this species election requirement be reconsidered and
withdrawn and that all claims be examined in this application at this time.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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